

Department Seeks Public Comments Regarding Bolton Valley Community Water Rate Increase

Bolton Valley Community Water and Sewer, LLC filed revised tariffs with the Vermont Public Utility Commission reflecting a request for an overall 94% immediate and temporary rate increase, and a 94% permanent rate increase in water rates. The Commission has opened Case No. 18-0726-INV to determine if the utility's rate request is just and reasonable. The Commission will make a determination on the proposed temporary rate increase by early next month. The decision on the permanent increase will be made by the Commission in August 2018.

The Department of Public Service is a party to the proceeding and is now actively reviewing the utility's records and forecasts to determine whether the utility's proposed rate increase is appropriate based on the costs associated with operating the system. The expenses reviewed by the Department's experts include replacement and repair of system equipment, engineering and administrative costs.

The Public Utility Commission has authority to set rates for water service; the Commission does not have authority over sewer rates. However the Department and the Commission do look at the allocation of costs between the two services to ensure that the allocations are appropriate.

There will be further investigation and proceedings over the next several months related to the permanent rate request. The Department of Public Service encourages ratepayers to follow the proceeding on the PUC website.

To read more about this rate case, use the PUC's website by going to: <http://puc.vermont.gov/epuc-information/case-and-document-search>. Helpful hint – if you create an account, you'll be able to see more details. We want to hear your opinions about this rate case. Your comments will help us better understand and represent the public in this case.

Get Involved – Public Participation Matters

Make yourself heard by calling or emailing the Department of Public Service to let us know what you think about the proposed rate change. Here's how to contact the Department:

Consumer Affairs & Public Information
Vermont Department of Public Service
112 State St., Montpelier, VT 05620-2601
800-622-4496

psd.consumer@vermont.gov

Public Comments

You can comment on the rate case by attending and speaking at a public hearing convened by the Public Utility Commission. Comments may also be filed via the Commission's electronic portal at <http://puc.vermont.gov/epuc-information/make-filing> or by writing to:

Clerk of the Commission
Public Utility Commission
112 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05620-2701

Public Hearing April 19, 2018

Smilie Memorial Elementary School 2712 Theodore Roosevelt Hwy, Bolton, VT 0567

Attend the Public Hearing and Comment on the Rate Case

7:00 P.M. the Vermont Public Utility Commission will hold a public hearing, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. Sections, 10 & 225, in PUC Case No. 18-0726-INV – Investigation of tariff filing of Bolton Valley Community Water and Sewer, LLC.